



Committee Checks Final Details

This 1960 American Numismatic Assn. convention committee is checking on the last details to make the forthcoming convention the biggest success in A.N.A. history. Seated, left to right, are Mable Tuttle, co-chairman ladies' activities; Percy Rideout, badges and medals; Mrs. Shepard Pond, secretary and publicity; James Clapp, general chairman; Louis Werner, sergeant at arms;

W. J. Dodds, house; Earl Tuttle, registration; Edward Perkins, exhibits. Standing, left to right, are Chandler Foster, hotel reservations; George Wardner, reception; John Frates, speakers; Anthony Porcero, assistant general chairman; Malcolm O. E. Chell-Frost, booklet; Benjamin Lowenstein, protection.

Earliest Numismatist Possibly A Clergyman

William Bentley, a clergyman, of Salem, Mass., was possibly the earliest numismatist in the United States, according to a fascinating story related by Eric P. Newman, of St. Louis, one of the most astute

authorities on early American coins and currency.

Bentley's diary, which runs from 1787 to 1820 and was published in 1901 by the Essex Institute, has many remarks about the coins which he gathered.

He describes in detail the coppers of Connecticut, the Nova Constellation coinage, the Nova Eborac coppers and the Vermont coppers.

He was delighted to obtain a seven by nine-inch piece of Swedish plate money of Charles XII weighing four pounds and was surprised to find a specimen of the 1781 Vermont paper money. He was also impressed by a description he found of the 1776 pewter dollar of the Continental Congress, but did not obtain one.

Most of the coins he gathered he turned over to Judge Winthrop of Cambridge.

"Imagine, however, how many choice coins he put back into circulation which would be major rarities today," Eric Newman points out.

"The early issues of the U. S. Mint were just too modern for him to collect at that time," he states.

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